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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/996,308
Confirmation Number	2556
Filing Date	November 27, 2001
First Named Inventor	Takeshi ISHIZAKI
Group Art Unit	2144
Examiner Name	Thanh NGUYEN
Matter Number	CA1469 (HAL 200)
Title	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING AND USING A VLAN-AWARE STORAGE DEVICE (as amended)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

## 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. FEES

Please charge the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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## CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office this 11th day of January, 2006.